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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, AEMR, CB, VS

SUBJECT: USE OF AID CHARTERED DC-8 AIRLIFT FOR PASSENGER

-- FROM PHNOM PENH

REF: (A) PHNOM PENH 4439; (B) STATE 51365; (C) STATE 56210

1. WE RELUCTANTLY REFUSED GVN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING 600 VIETNAMESE CITIZENS FROM PHNOM PENH TO SAIGON (REFTEL C) BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH REQUESTS WILL SET A PRECEDENT FOR ADDITIONAL REQUESTS AND IN ORDER AVOID ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON KHMER. WE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY NOW ACCEPTING REQUESTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. THE AUTHORIZATION TO LET A SMALL NUMBER OF TCN'S TRAVEL ON AID FINANCED DC-8'S WAS A SPECIAL CASE NOT MEANT TO SET
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A PRECEDENT. SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, WE BELIEVE THAT TO

KEEP OUR EVACUATION PROBLEMS IN HAND, WE SHOULD RESTRICT THE USE OF BACK-HAUL ASSETS TO VOLUNTARY EVACUATION OF PERSONS FOR WHOM WE ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE.

3. YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT DC-8 63 F AIRCRAFT CHARTERED BY THE US MILITARY FOR AID HAVE THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS AS PASSENGER CARRIERS:

A. NO EMERGENCY OXYGEN EQUIPMENT

B. NO TOILET FACILITIES

C. NO LIABILITY INSURANCE

D. NO EMERGENCY LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

E. LONG EXPOSURE TIME ON GROUND FOR PASSENGER LOADING INCREASES ENEMY FIRE HAZARD.

F. ROLLER DECKS ARE UNSAFE FOR MORE THAN A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

G. ALSO SEE CINCPAC 130827Z MAR 75. INGERSOLL

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